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INVENTOR: WAYNE SPEARS

FOR: PIPE FITTING HAVING OVER-SIZED STRENGTHENED STARTER THREADS

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 3 sheets of drawings
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to: \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 37 C.F.R. 1.27 (Independent Inventor)
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| TOTAL CLAIMS                        | 3 - 20 =  | 0         |
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| SMALL ENTITY |     |
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| RATE         | FEE |
|              | \$  |
| x9           | \$  |
| x42          | \$  |
| +140         | \$  |
| TOTAL        | \$  |

| OTHER THAN A<br>SMALL ENTITY |       |
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| RATE                         | FEE   |
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